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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR EXTENTION COPYRIGHTS REGISTERED IN THE UNITED STATES

1. ITALIAN SOCIETY OF AUTHORS AND PUBLISHERS (SIAE) HAS WRITTEN AMBASSADOR REQUESTING THAT THEIR INTEREST IN TIMELY ADOPTION OF LEGISLATION DESIGNED TO PROLONG COPYRIGHTS LIFE BEYOND DECEMBER 31, 1974, BE MADE KNOWN TO WASHINGTON. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS SIMILAR LEGISLATION AT SEVERAL TIMES IN PAST HAS PROLONGED COPYRIGHT LIFE SINCE 1962 AND THAT PROLONGATIONS INTENDED TO AFFORD PROTECTION OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PENDING DECISION BY CONGRESS ON NEW COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION WHICH WOULD INCREASE TOTAL LIFESPAN OF COPYRIGHTS IN QUESTION FROM 56 TO 75 YEARS.

2. IN LETTER SIAE STRESSED THAT UNLESS EXTENSION LEGISLATION ENACTED BEFORE END OF 1974 NUMEROUS AMERICAN, ITALIAN AND OTHER AUTHORS WOULD BE DENIED THE EXTENDED LEGAL PROTECTION FOR THEIR WORKS ENVISIONED IN THE PENDING NEW COPYRIGHT LEGISLATION AND WOULD INFLICT SERIOUS DAMAGE TO THE ARTISTIC AND CULTURAL WORLD.

3. SIAE APPARENTLY WORKING WITH ASCAP IN US ON THIS ISSUE.

4. AMBASSADOR HAS ADVISED SIAE THAT HE ADVISING DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION'S CONCERN. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY COMMENTS IT MIGHT CONVEY TO SIAE ON SITUATION.VOLPE

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